

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, the specification is amended, claims 3-7, and 10-15 are amended and claims 16 and 17 are added. Claims 1-17 are pending. An Abstract corresponding to that of the published PCT application corresponding to this application is attached on a separate sheet. No new matter is added.

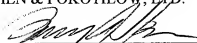
This Amendment is submitted to better conform the application to United States practice by, *inter alia*, eliminating multiple dependencies and reference numbers from the claims. The specification has been amended by adding section headings and including a description of the drawings.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in good form for initial examination on the merits. Accordingly, prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for initial examination and allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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